

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer storage medium comprising computer executable code for creating a graphical user interface presented on a display in communication with a processor associated with a group interaction application for facilitating file sharing among a first member of a group and at least one other member of the group over a network, the computer executable code comprising code for displaying:

a group space comprising a first display area for providing an appearance of a shared file location [[in]] which at least one of the other group members may access;

at least one control located in a second display area selectable by the first member to select at least one task associated with the group space and to activate one or more operations with respect to files located in the first display area, such that at least one other group member is automatically shown the result of the operations performed with respect to the files displayed in the first display area;

a selectable indicator for visually presenting a group member list to the first user, the group member list including an indication field of a role for each of the members in the list wherein the list of group members also includes an indication reflecting ~~connection information~~ for each group member whether the group member is currently online; [[and]]

a second control located in the second display area, the second control including a drop-down menu selectable by the first user for defining one of a plurality of roles for the at least one other group member;

an indication of new content, wherein new content comprises files added or changed within a predetermined period of time; and

a third control allowing selection of the predetermined period of time.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the network is a peer-to-peer network.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the at least one task comprises a first computer file system task usable to perform a drag and drop operation with respect to files located in the first display area.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the at least one task comprises a first computer file system task usable to perform at least one of a copy, cut, paste or edit operation with respect to files located in the first display area.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the group space is comprised of a subfolder that is displayed in a folder view.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the first user may perform file system operations with respect to files in the shared space on the basis of permissions being granted to the first member.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein said group space is assigned a unique identifier that is made available to the at least one other member.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 7, wherein each of the group members having access to said group space is assigned a unique identifier that is made available to the other group members.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1 further comprising computer executable code for displaying a second control located in the second display area, the second control selectable by the first member for adding at least one additional group member.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the appearance of the first group space may be altered by the first member, and wherein the group interaction program further comprises means for causing the appearance of a corresponding group space displayed to the at least one other group member to also be altered consistent with the alteration of the first group space.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, further comprising computer executable code for displaying ~~receiving~~ an indication of a file dropped by the first member whereby a notification corresponding to the indication is automatically transmitted to the at least one other online group member.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer storage medium comprising computer executable code for creating a graphical user interface presented on a display in communication with a processor for facilitating an online group interaction among a first online member of a group and at least one other online member of the group over a computer network the computer executable code comprising code for displaying:

a first shared space display area that acts as a drop location for at least one file icon, which upon dropping also becomes visible to the at least one other online member of the group,

wherein a shared file associated with the at least one dropped file icon may be retrieved by selecting the associated icon; and at least one visible task item selectable by the first member to activate an operation to be performed with respect to the first shared space display area;

a selectable indicator for visually presenting a group member list to the first member, the group member list including an indication field of a role for each of the members in the list wherein the list of group members also includes indicia ~~concerning connection by~~ reflecting for each group member whether the group member is currently connected to the network; and

a control for selectively defining one of a plurality of roles for the at least one other online member of the group.

16. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface as in claim 15, wherein the computer network comprises a peer-to-peer network.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a group space to enable interaction between a first user and at least one other user over a network comprising:

displaying to the first user via a first user display a group folder object having associated therewith a first selectable task for forming a group comprising the first user and at least one other user;

transmitting from the first user a request to join the group by sending a communication over the network to a computing device used by the at least one other user to initiate a group communication session between the first user and the at least one other user; and

receiving from the computing device used by the at least one other user a response to the invitation request, the response including a unique numeric identifier associated with the at least one other user;

displaying a selectable indicator for visually presenting a group member list to the first user, the group member list including an indication field of a role for each of the members in the list wherein the list of group members includes indicia

~~concerning connection by~~ reflecting for each group member whether the group member is currently connected to the network.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, further comprising presenting a group space to the first user in response to receipt of the selection of the task wherein the group space includes a second selectable group icon associated with a list of members comprising the first user and at least one other user who is a member of the group.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 19, wherein the network comprises a peer-to-peer network.

21. (New) The method as in claim 17, further comprising receiving an input selecting between (a) a first mode in which files in the group space are copied to the computing device used by the at least one other user on an on-demand basis and (b) a second mode in which files in the shared space are replicated to the computer device used by the at least one other user when the files are added to the group space.

22. (New) The method as in claim 17, further comprising displaying an indication of a file added to the group space by the first user, whereby the indication of the file added to the group space by the first user is displayed with a new content indicator if the file was added or modified within a predetermined period of time.

23. (New) The computer storage medium as in claim 15, further comprising code for displaying an indication of new content, wherein new content comprises files added or changed within a predetermined period of time.

24. (New) The computer storage medium as in claim 23, further comprising code for displaying a second control allowing selection of the predetermined period of time.